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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fitzpatrick-Harmon House
other names/site number n/a Site #FD-66

2. Location

street & number 102 East Court Street n/a not for publication
city, town Prestonsburg n/a vicinity
state Kentucky code KY county Floyd code 071 zip code 41653

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	1	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Prestonsburg
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Date 3-30-89
State Historic Preservation Officer, Commonwealth of Kentucky
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrews 5/18/89
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Victorian Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Weatherboard

roof Raised-Seam Metal

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G n/a

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1890-1899

Significant Dates

1890

Other: Community Development

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Overview Form

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): n/a
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 - previously listed in the National Register
 - previously determined eligible by the National Register
 - designated a National Historic Landmark
 - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

- Primary location of additional data:
- State historic preservation office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other

Specify repository:
Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Margaret Warminski, Historic Preservation Consultant

organization _____ date December, 1988

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city or town Newport state Kentucky zip code 41071

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The Fitzpatrick-Harmon House is a vernacular frame dwelling of a type popular in Prestonsburg during the late Victorian era. It stands two stories high with a center-passage plan and side-gabled roof. Its main block dates from c. 1890 with a 1904 addition of polygonal form and complex roofline. An enclosed solarium, originally part of an encircling veranda, adjoins the west elevation. A Colonial Revival two-story portico was added to the facade in the 1950's. Although somewhat altered, the house is clearly recognizable as a product of its time and place. Included in the nominated area are the house, its surrounding yard, and a non-contributing modern shed.

The Fitzpatrick-Harmon House is located in an area of mixed commercial and residential use at the eastern edge of Prestonsburg's downtown business district, on the north side of East Court Street adjacent to alley-like College Lane. A small-scale 1920's mercantile row adjoins the house on the west, across College Lane. East of the house stands a series of bungalows. Opposite, on the south side of East Court Street, is the United States Post Office at Prestonsburg. The Fitzpatrick-Harmon House stands close to the front lot line, with a shallow setback. Included in its rear yard, which has been enclosed with a modern stockade-style wooden fence, is a modern metal shed.

The Fitzpatrick-Harmon House exemplifies a house type popular in Prestonsburg during the mid-to-late nineteenth century: a two-story, single or double-pile weatherboarded frame dwelling of center-passage plan with side-gabled roof. Like other dwellings of this type, it is simple and straightforward, exhibiting little ornamentation. The house has been altered and expanded several times. According to the owner, its original core, dating from c. 1890 and still recognizable, was a two-story, center-passage, side-gabled, single-pile unit with two rooms on each floor and a rear kitchen ell. In 1904, the two-story rear block was added, and the original rear ell moved to the back of this new section. Sleeping porches added along its east face. When built, the house had a two-story wooden Victorian porch. This was replaced in the early twentieth century by a brick and concrete veranda that encircled the west and south elevations. This veranda was then partially enclosed along the west face, creating a small solarium. The rest of the porch, however, was weakened by the 1957 flood and subsequently torn off. It was then replaced by the present Colonial Revival full-height wooden portico.

The c. 1890 main block is five bays wide and symmetrical, with a center doorway and a gently-pitched side-gabled roof clad in corrugated metal, with corner gable returns. The 1904 addition exhibits a polygonal west bay, and has a pyramidal roof of corrugated metal with a series of lower gables above the bay. Windows are double-hung sash; those in the solarium have vertical muntins in the upper sash in the craftsman or bungalow mode. The front door was replaced c. 1957 but its original rectangular transom remains in place. Above the main entrance is an interesting surviving feature; a small sawnwood balcony that may be a remnant of the house's original porch.

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The most significant exterior alteration to the Fitzpatrick-Harmon House has been the addition of the previously mentioned portico, which is out-of-scale and somewhat diminishes the house's integrity. It is, however, a reversible addition, one that could be removed without compromising the house's structural integrity. The house retains much original fabric (siding, fenestration, roof material, etc.) and is recognizable as a product of its time. It has been well maintained and is in very good condition.

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The Fitzpatrick-Harmon House (c. 1890; 1904) is significant under Criterion C in the context of the architectural resources of Prestonsburg as an example of a distinctive local house type popular in the mid-to-late nineteenth century. Despite recent alterations that have somewhat compromised its integrity, it retains considerable historic fabric and remains the city's finest surviving example of Victorian-era vernacular architecture. It is also significant under Criterion A in the context of the community development of Prestonsburg as the property best representing the formative era in the city's development (c. 1817-1899). Its period of significance begins in 1890, the approximate construction date of the house, and ends in 1899, the end of the nineteenth century. The significance of the Fitzpatrick-Harmon House in the architectural context of Prestonsburg is discussed in detail in the context statement.

Although the earliest deeds pertaining to this house have not yet been discovered, more recent records indicate it was built c. 1890 by H. H. Fitzpatrick, a member of a local family that would later gain prominence in commerce and banking. Fitzpatrick sold the house on October 22, 1898 to James Spradlin, but the transfer was apparently lost or not recorded. In 1904 Spradlin sold the house to David O. ("D. O.") and Catherine ("Kate") Harmon for \$1100, \$700 of which was "cash in hand" and the remainder secured by a mortgage that was paid off by 1912. It has remained in the same family ever since, eventually passing into the hands of the Harmons' daughter Anna ("Annie") Stumbo who still occupies the house.

During the flood of 1957 the Fitzpatrick-Harmon House had four feet of water indoors and sustained considerable damage. Lost to the deluge, in addition to the aforementioned veranda, were an old smokehouse and a coal shed, also used as a childrens' playhouse, both in the rear yard.

10. Geographic Information

Beginning at a point in the east line of College Lane, 160 feet north of West Court Street; then proceeding in an easterly direction 70 feet to a point; then in a southerly direction a distance of 60 feet to a point; then in an easterly direction 55 feet to a point; then in a southerly direction 90 feet to the north line of East Court Street; then in a westerly direction with said north line a distance of 125 feet to the east line of College Lane; then in a northerly direction with said east line a distance of 160 feet to the place of beginning.

The nominated area includes the entire legal parcel containing the house, a non-contributing storage shed, and surrounding yard, and excludes other residences on the north and east. The boundary encloses all the property visually associated with the house and contributing to its significance.

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Photo 46

Prestonsburg Multiple Properties Submission (same for all photos)

Fitzpatrick-Harmon House

102 East Court Street (same for photos 46 through 49)

Prestonsburg, Kentucky (same for all photos)

Margaret Warminski (same for all photos)

December 1987

Negative location: Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Kentucky (same for all photos)

View of facade and east elevation, looking northwest from the south side of East Court Street.

Photo 47

Fitzpatrick-Harmon House

December 1987

View of facade and west elevation, showing the remaining section of enclosed 1910's veranda. Adjoining it on the left is the polygonal 1904 addition. Looking northeast from East Court Street.

Photo 48

Fitzpatrick-Harmon House

December 1987

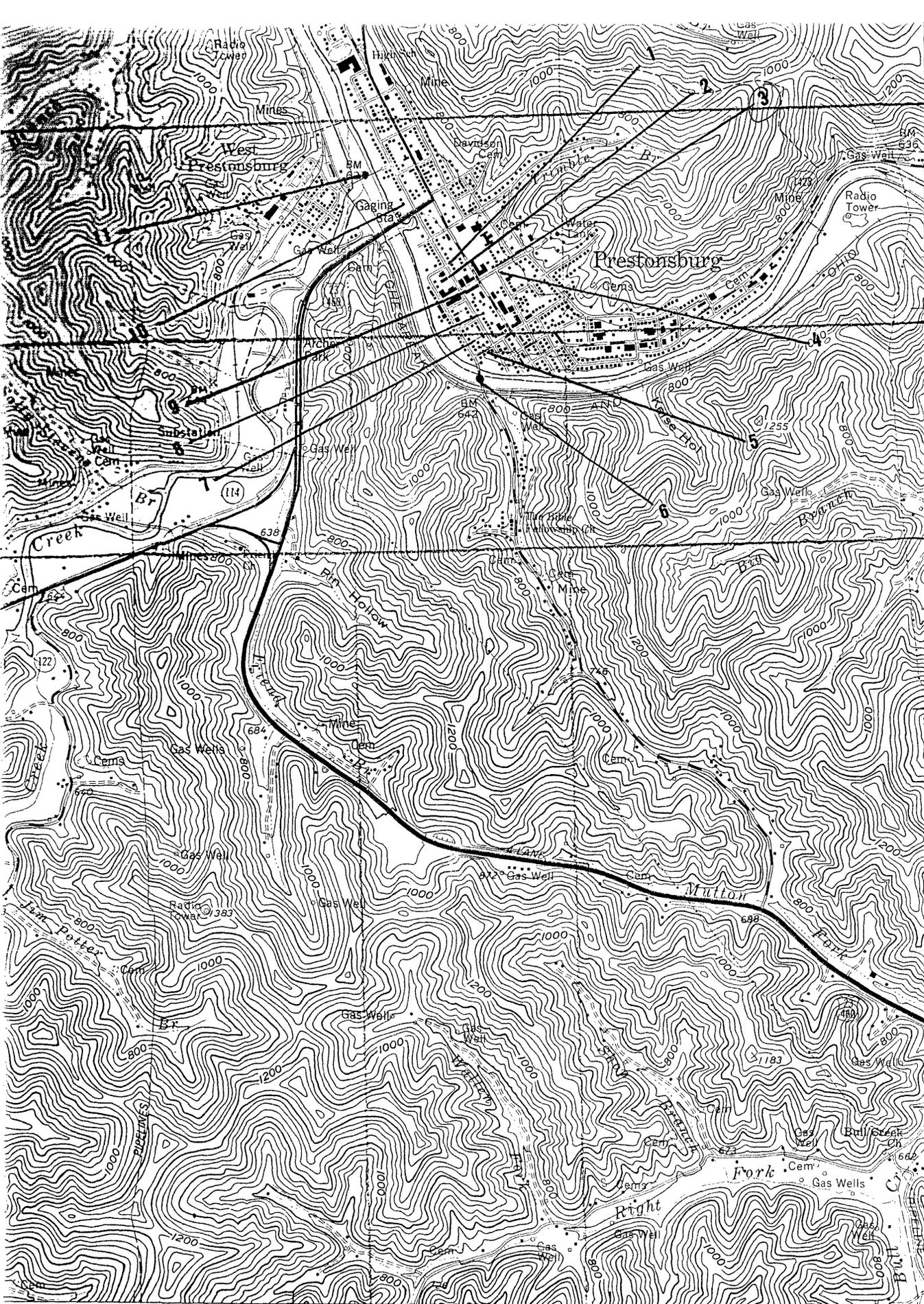
Facade view showing c. 1957 portico and the remaining section of the original Victorian gallery, now serving as a balcony in second story. Looking northwest from East Court Street.

Photo 49

Fitzpatrick-Harmon House

February 1988

View of rear elevation, showing former sleeping porches, adjoining enclosed entrance, and a new metal shed-roofed canopy. Looking west.



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 Harmon House
 Floyd Co., KY
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 PIKEVILLE 22 MI.

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 82°45'

47°30' 342

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road

1 MILE
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 4-59 11 SW